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Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications)	
and Energy on its own motion into Fitchburg Gas and)	
Electric Light Company's dealings with Enermetrix, Inc.)	D.T.E. 03-9
in compliance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 76A, 85, 85A, 94B,)	
and 94C, 220 C.M.R. §§ 12.00 et seq., and Pricing and)	
Procurement of Default Service, D.T.E. 99-60-A (2000))	
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1. On March 21, 2003, the Department commenced an investigation into whether Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (“Fitchburg” or the “Company”) adhered to statutes and regulations in its transactions with its former affiliate, Enermetrix, Inc. (“Enermetrix”).
2. In its Notice of Investigation issued on March 21, 2003, the Department invited the public to participate or otherwise be heard in this matter. The Department indicated that it would hold a public hearing on April 24, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at its Boston office.
3. The Company provides electric and natural gas services to approximately 42,000 residential and business customers in its service territory in north-central Massachusetts in the communities of Ashby, Fitchburg, Gardner, Lunenburg, Townsend and Westminster. This proceeding directly and significantly affects these service territory communities.
4. The communities of Ashby, Fitchburg, Gardner, Lunenburg, Townsend and Westminster are approximately 55 miles outside of the City of Boston and more than an hour’s commute by car or public transportation. Attendance at the Boston public hearing may be inconvenient for those service territory residents that desire to participate or otherwise be

heard in this matter.

5. Many individuals and organizations with ties to the service territory communities have recently contacted the Attorney General to voice their concerns, ideas, and recommendations on various issues regarding the Company. The volume of communications to the Attorney General from these individuals and organizations suggests that an additional public hearing in a local service territory community is appropriate and/or necessary in this matter.
6. A public hearing in the City of Fitchburg or other service territory community would greatly benefit those most affected by this proceeding--the residential and business customers of the Company---by providing easy access and a convenient forum for customers to voice their concerns, ideas, and recommendations to the Department on this Enermetrix matter and related Company matters. The additional public hearing should be held in the evening to accommodate the workforce residents of Ashby, Fitchburg, Gardner, Lunenburg, Townsend and Westminster.

WHEREFORE, the Attorney General requests that the Department grant this Motion and conduct an additional evening public hearing in the City of Fitchburg or other service territory community.

Respectfully submitted,

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